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HAIG'S MEN HACK WAY THROUGH HUMAN WALL ON FIELD AT ARRAS

Carnage Increases as Germans Pour Half Million Reserves Into Breach Made In Wotan Line.

London, April 25.—The carnage on the Arras battle field is still in full swing. With every hour the sountains of dead pile higher. The British, with their traditional bull-dog tenacity, are hacking away at the forefield defenses of the "Wotan line," while the Teutons, ordered to hold them at all costs, are hitting back with a reckless heroism that is more ghastly in its consequences than anything that has been seen at Verdun, on the Sorne, or in the days of terror that ushered in the supreme contest now

Into the breach that has been cut by the British in their onslaughts on the three bloodiest Mondays of the war-April 9, 16 and 23-Hinder burg has thrown approximately a half million reserves. Since yesterday morning these have flung themselves into the fray, ceaselessly, with deathdefying determination.

But these human battering rams have been unable to stem the British advance, in one sector of the front at least, the Scarpe. Here the British last night and today pressed on east of Havrincourt wood, capturing the ruined village of Bilhem. Further headway was also made by Sir Douglas Haig's men between the Cojeul and Scarpe rivers.

3.029 Prisoners Taken. Since Monday the British have taken acceptable of the Scarpe River in their drive on Cambrai, while the French made their advance on Laon from the south a little farther advance on Laon from the south a little more sure, progressing on the Vauclere plateau. The British in their new advance occupied Pilhem village, eight miles southwest of Cambrai, lies southwest of Cambral.

Seven Planes Downed

Seven Planes Bowned.

Seven German aeroplanes were sent hurtling from the sky to destruction by British flyers. Eight others were driven out of control, riddled with bullets. Six British machines failed to return tonight. One British machine sent two German captive balloons blasing to earth. Another, sourrying to drop bombs on a railway depot, dropped and poised over an onrushing troop train.

The German troops inside heard the whirr of the propeller and leaned with whits and fearful faces from the windows, watching the British bird of war housing over them. The British pilot dropped until he was squarely above the locomotive. Then he dropped a homb. The locomotive, spoutting scalding water from its boiler, blew up instantly. The train turned turtle.

German fliers Monday brought down twenty airplanes and one captive balloon

twenty airplanes and one captive balloon in the west, and yesterday accounted for nineteen entents machines, according to the Berlin report today.

Teresa Is 102 Years Old But She Swears She's 141

Teresa Jackson, colored, who says she is id years of age, but who the police say is just turning 100, was arrested last night and locked up in the Third pre-cinct police station on a charge of vag-

MAN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE ASLEEP IN BED

Capitol Heights Resident Killed by Flames Which Destroy Home.

Isaac M. Funk, aged 45, living in Mary-land Park, near Capitot Heights, Md.; was burned to death last night when fire destroyed his home.

The origin of the blaze is unknown, since Funk was the only person in the house at the time. It is believed, however, that upon returning home last night, the man carelessly lit an oil stove and then lay across his bed and fell selection.

The volunteer fire department of Capi-

his bed with a rake. He was badly rined and already dead.

The Speaker's attack on the tration plan for army enrolling tration plan for army enrolling tration plan for army enrolling tration.

living in Washington, and a son, who enlisted in the navy several days ago. Funk was an oller in the Government Printing Office.

BACKS SELECTIVE SERVICE.

Harrisburg, April 25.—A resolution was adopted by the house of representatives adopted by the house of representatives last night urging the representatives of Pennsylvania in the national Congress to vots for the selective service bill which is indorsed by President Wilson and his administration. The resiution was presented by Representative Whitsker, of Chester County. The vote was almost usentmonts.

EIGHT NORWEGIAN SHIPS SUNK.

London, April 25.—Eight Norwegian ships, three sailing vessels and five steamers, have been sunk by German submarines, according to a telegram received here today. The ships are Vestelo, Ville de Dieppe. Shield, Gisko, Godo, Filda, Gorda, and Valerie. NO ALLIANCE ENTERED INTO.

London, April 25.-Lord Robert Cecil, acting foreign secretary, announced in Parliament today that the United States has not entered into an alliance with

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

The Washington Herald is printing daily no-tious of births, marriages, and deaths among the people of Washington.

These notices appear today on page 2,



FIFTY-FIFTY. Steamship Mongolia Sinks Submarine Vith the First Shot Fired By American Naval Gunners Defending Rights at Sea Pekin Post, has been arrested at the instance of the American consul, as a restance into the war and advocating W. J. Bryan's peace ideas. MONDAY AIRMEN'S HOODOO. Paris, April 25.—The death of Ronald Wood Hoskier, of South Orange, N. J. in battle with a German aviator over the French lines near St. Quentin, Monoday is likely to be regarded as a hoodow by the members of the American escadille. Sergt. J. R. McConnell was killed March 19, a Monday, Edmond Genet on April 16, last Mohday, and How killed March 19, a Monday, and How killed Mar U. S. Steamship Mongolia Sinks Submarine With the First Shot Fired By American

more and more with the pacifist element in Congress. Miss Rankin's opposition to the conscription bill is based upon her conviction that the age limits set by the General Staff for the creation of a fighting force, are altogether to low. In her opinion the draft of the young manhood of the nation, the boys between the ages of 19 and 26, will remove from the nation the potential husbands and fathers of the present generation. It would be better, according to Miss Rankin, to draft from the ranks of the married men of a decads maturer years. Fight for Conscription Won In House Now, Poll Shows

Clark Moves Congressmen in Plea for Volunteering.

Against Conscription

Miss Jeannette Rankin, Congresswoman from Montana, will vote against cor scription. Miss Rankin since her advenin Congress and her vote against the dec

laration of war against the imperial Ger

man government, has been consorting

more and more with the pacifist elemen

The administration's fight for conscrip-When locked up. Teresa told the policemen about the Revolutionary war, how it happened and who did it. She remembers when George Washington crossed the Delaware and just what steamer General Staff and urged by the President and Secretary of War Baker will (By the International News Service.) Teresa will be brought into court this not be reached before tomorrow, or even the House, conducted by members representing both sides of the contention indicates that the majority for the President's plan will not fall below seventy-five. It may surpass the hundred mark.

It may develop in a veritable landslide for the administration. The poll shows that 257 members of the House, 40 more than a bare majority of the entire body will vote for conscrip-

Speaker Moves House.

Speaker Champ Clark addressing the House in opposition to the conscription plans of the administration and Repre-sentative Swager Sherley, of Kentucky, furnished the spectacular features of yesterday's debate on the bill to create modern army for the United States in war time. Both men held the attention of the House while packed galleries greeted the appearance of both leaders. The Speaker delivered his oration with

every characteristic expression of face and gesture which have made him one The volunteer fire department of Capitol Heighta responded to an alarm, but
was of little assistance, since the frame
structure was quickly consumed by
fames.

When the firemen arrived they pushed
in the walls of the house and reached
into the flames and dragged Funk from
his had with a rake He was badly

Cites Canada's Volunteers.

The Speaker's attack on the adminisbased in large measure upon the argu-ment that conscription is distasteful to

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Herald Sunday Sermon

Rev. H. T. Stevenson The sermon in next Sunday's Herald will be by the Rev. Hugh

T. Stevenson, pastor of the Beth-any Baptist Church, Second street and Rhode Island avenue north-Rev. Stevenson was born in Al-

Rew. Stevenson was born in Albany/N. Y. He has received degrees from both the Colgate University of Chicago, Ill., and the George Washington University and was ordained a minister in 1893. His first charge was the Anacostia Baptist Church.

Mr. Stevenson is the grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons, of this city. He has been the pastor of Bethany Baptist Church for thirteen years and stands in the forerank of Washington ministers.

Three years ago Mr. Stevenson was so well thought of that he was one of the few who were sent on an extensive trip through the Holy Land. He also has an enviable literary record.

The subject of his sermon, written expressly for the Sunday Washington Herald, will be announced later.

President's Plan Will Have MEXICO DESIRES PEACE WITH U.S.

tion has been won in the House of Rep- First Chief Pledges All His

Mexico City, April 24, via Galveston. Saturday, a careful nonpartisan poll of Texas, April 25.-"Peace and friendly relations with the United States and with all nations is the ardent desire of the

Mexican government.
"Mexico has been torn for the past four years by civil war, the object of which has been the restoration of the placently nosed her way into a British constitutional government, and in a few, port today. To American newspaper men days this will be realized. There will greeting him at the pier, Capt. Emory be order, progress, and prosperity for Rice told the story of the exploit that is be order, progress, and prosperity for gether with amity and cordial and hon-orable intercourse with all other na-tions. These are the benefits which Mexico seeks to enjoy."

Carransa Defines Stand.

Gen. Venustiano Carransa, First Chief of the constitutionalist revolution and esident-elect of Mexico, thus expressed an interview his attitude and that of the Mexican government toward the United States in the present conflict with

Summing up the position and intentions of the Mexican government toward the United States in the present war the genral answered solemnly:
'I have declared the neutrality of Mex-

"I have declared the house and ico in the present German-American conflict and I shall do everything in my flict and I shall do everything in my power to maintain that neutrality."
"What steps is your government taking to prevent subjects of belligerent coun-

"Mexico is doing its best to end the internal war. It certainly does not want to begin an external one in which it has

no direct concern."

This is the gist of the Mexican view

eral said: eral said:
"There are very few German residents
in Mexico and there exists no active
German propaganda."
Several questions were asked the gen-

eral regarding the presence of Japanese and their activities in Mexico. He de-clined to answer for diplomatic reasons, but members of his staff declared that Japanese activities in Mexico at this were not menacing or even alarm

WAR POSTPONES CONVENTION.

Boston, April 28.—Postponement of the international Christian Endeavor convention, which was to have been held in New York July 4 to 4, has been announced by the trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor. "Patriotic reasons and the interests of the come forth from the base at Zeebrugge. When attacked by the entente warships been intrusted to their care" prompted the action of the trustees, it was said. rection of Ostend.

Cannon Nicknamed "Teddy" Shatters U-Boat at 1,000-

The ship which thus boasts of being the sink a U-boat is the steamship Mongolia. of the Atlantic Transport Company's fleet, which sailed from an American port on April 4 with a crew of 146 men and an American naval gun crew of eighteen men. Sixty-seven Americans are in her

Fires First Shot of War.

The Star Spangled Banner fluttering proudly from her mast, the liner com-Mexico under the new constitution, together with amity and cordial and honorable intercourse with all other naupon the gallant guest that had fired the first shot in America's war on the side of the allies. The Mongolia's feat

April 19, anniversary of the battle of Lexington, when the first shot was fired in the American revolution. The gun that sent the fatal shot in "the U-boat bears the name "Teddy," having been thus "baptized" by its crew when the vessel left America.

"Teddy" Sinks Submarine, "So Teddy fired the first gun of the war after all," remarked Capt. Rice laughingly, as he commented upon this

It was in the last lap on the Mongolia's royage that she encountered the grey sea monster. The liner was going full sea monster. speed when the submarine was sighted dead ahead. The whole one sided fight took just about two minutes. It was leolared?" was asked.
"Up to the present I have not believed it necessary to take any steps," he replied.

took just about two minutes. It was case of "out-U-boating the U-boat." To Lieut. Bruce R. Ware, U. S. N., in command of the gunners, Capt. Rice attributes the chief credit of the splendid

Modestly as to his own part but with

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point. Replying to a question as to whether the presence of many Germans or the attitude of certain of the Mexican press might not interfere with his efforts to maintain neutrality, the gen-FRENCH PORT DUNKIRK

Foe's Destroyers Sink Torpedo Boat in Brief Naval Fight.

(By the International News Service.) Paris, April 25.—The second time in six days, German "mosquito" craft early this morning attacked the French seaport of Dunkirk, covering it with a hail of shells lasting ten minutes. British and French patrol ships engaged the raiders and drove them to flight.

Washington Youth Wounded

Must Contribute.

as rapidly as recent developments have definite news of his condition.

This is the information which financial leaders of the United States government yesterday had as a working basis following three vitally important conferences out of which issued a \$200,000,000 loan to Great Britain and plans for further and much larger loans to other nations of the entente alliance.

Yesterday morning Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Britain and plans for further and much larger loans to other nations of the entente alliance.

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Yesterday morning Lord Cunliffe, governor of the Britain and into the Anacostia River swung the two naval vessels. As the "Mayflower" approached the mooring dock of the Washington Navy Yard the group of distinguished Frenchmen, with their American escort, were dissipated by the group of distinguished Frenchmen, with their American escort, were dissipated by the group of distinguished Frenchmen, with the group of distinguished

nor of the Bank of England; Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British Ambassador, and Sir side of the allies. The Mongolia's feat was the sensation of the day in the newspapers here.

The day of the Mongolia's feat was April 19, anniversary of the battle of Lexington, when the first shot was fired in the American revolution. The gun in the American revolution is the sensation of the day in the British Embassy here, called upon the Because of the British Embassy here, called upon Secretary McAdoo to arrange for a short time loan. While some previous negotiations had been made, nothing definite had been done. Shortly in the American revolution. The gun in the American revolution. The gun is the sensation of the day in the British Embassy here, called upon the Because of the British Embassy here, called upon the Because of the British Embassy here, called upon the British Embassy he

tificate of indebtedness on behalf of the British government and the transaction was completed. England is to pay 3 per cent for the money and is to repay it in | certain long term bonds.

Arthur James Balfour, British secretary of State for foreign affairs, called upon Secretary McAdoo, accompanied by Sir Hartman Lever and Sir Richard Craw ford. At this conference later and broader financing was discussed. It is Secre-tary McAdoo's purpose to survey the entire foreign financial field and learn from representatives of each country what that country's immediate financial needs are. At the conclusion of the Balfour-Mc-Adoo conference it was certain that a large part of the \$3,000,000,000 foreign losh the United States is to make will go to England, because England has born such a heavy burden of financing in taking care of the money needs of her European allies.

Alligators Will Work As Cleaners of Sewers

Trenton, April 25.-The use of alligators as cleaners of sewers is a proposal made by A. C. Gregory, engineer of the city's sewers. He admits his indebtedness to the city of Jacksonville, Fia., for the

sewers. He admits his indebtedness to the city of Jacksonville, Fla., for the idea. They have been using alligators to clean the sewers there. The method is as follows: A rope is tied to an alligator and he is put in a drain and started on an amble along the subterranean pathway. Chains are tied to the rope that the alligator has nulled through the sewer and the chains pulled through the sewer and the chains clearing away the obstruction

DANISH VESSEL SEIZED.

Copenhagen, April 35-The Danish steamship Ydum, 645 tons, has been captured by the Germans and taken into a German port. A telegram reaching here today said there were a number of pas-sengers on the vessel which was bound for Christiania.

home at 404 W street northeast, are his shipe anchor and four blue stem with mother, father, four sisters, and two nifying that the Assistant Secretary of Germany's defensive is not collapsing brothers, who are anxiously awaiting the Navy was aboard. From the main

appeared to indicate and the United Last Sunday an official cablegram was States must prepare for a long war which handed his father, William Covert, sr.,

a Treasury warrant for \$200,000,000 and ten on a charred piece of foolacap and the British Ambassador signed a cersor, is optimistic in tone. It expresses enthusiasm over the prospects of the allied powers, and declared them as the certain victors. It was written at the time when they anticipated their

drive," and under numerous difficulties.

When 16 years old Covert was employed on The Herald as an apprentice in the chairman of the group of distinguished on The Herald as an apprentice in the chairman of the group of distinguished of the group of distinguished Americans to convey to the Russian peoples for the group of the Russian people. than five years, leaving it when he de-cided to go to Canada in 1915 to join the

France Young Covert attended the Pierce chool and the Carroll Institute. He has a fine record as a long-distance runner,

Lansing Gratified by Spirit of French Welcome

After returning to the State Deof Gen. Joffre and former Premier Viviani, Secretary of State Lan-sing, still enthusiastic over the whole-hearted welcome extended by the people of Washington, made the following statement resterday:
"It is very gratifying to this
"It is very gratifying to the people

government and to the people that we should have as our guests that we should have as our guests such distinguished representatives of the French republic. In sending men who so fully represent the French government and people, we have the very best evidence of the spirit and feeling of France toward the United States. "We can assure the French people that we reciprocate the spirit which induced them to send these commissioners and rejoice that the two great nations are battling side by side for the liberty of markind."

FRENCH WAR ENVOYS TO "GET ACQUAINTED," **PAYING CALLS TODAY**

Visits to President Wilson, Cabinet Officers And Vice President a Prelude to Serious Conferences.

The French war commissioners will spend today getting acquainted with President Wilson and the government officials with whom they will confer on the world war problems.

Gen. Joffre, former Premier Viviani, Vice Admiral Chocheprat and Vicomte de Chambrun will call upon Secretary of State Lansing at 10:40 this morning. Gen. Joffre, M. Viviani and Vice Admiral Chocheprat will then call upon President Wilson.

JOFFRE TO CALL ON BAKER.

Afterwards the French marshal will call upon Secretary of War Baker and Vice Admiral Chocheprat upon Secretary of the Navy Daniels. M. Viviani will call upon Vice President Marshall.

In the afternoon the French visitors will be taken for a drive through the parks and at 8 o'clock in the evening they will be the guests of the

This will round out their official calls, and by tomorrow they will be ready to join with the British commissioners and President Wilson and

Through five solid miles of cheering Chinese Leaders Gather

government officials in considering ways and means to win the war.

Through five solid miles of cheering American citizens, flag-waving, shrieking, hysterical with patriotic fervor and the spirit of an international friendship 125 years old, rode Joseph Joffre, field marshal of France, yesterday. From the southeasterly extremity of the National Capital to its northeastern boundary the hero of the Marne was greeted with an enthusiasm and a genuineness of welcome such as has come to few visitors to American soil in all the brilliant history of America and to no solider of France since the days of Lafayette.

Former Premer Viviani, civil head of the French war mission, rode at the To Discuss Joining War Pekin, April 3.—The military and pro-rincial governors of China today held heir first meeting with the cabinet on the question of whether China shall enter the world war. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the governors will side with the premier, who has adocated joining the Entente. Dr. Gilbert H. Reed, editor of the Pekin Post, has been arrested at the in-

Had. Cold, Gray Day. Unlike the glorious brilliant summer day in springtime which had greeted the coming of the British war mission on Sunday the morning had dawned chilly

mast lazily swung in the still air the tri-

color

being sent to thousands of other nomes in the countries of the world. On the vast battlefield of Europe, however, Covert is one of millions, and when he is referred to officially he is merely No. 175,138. It takes from three weeks to a month it lakes from three weeks to a month for a letter to reach here from France.

The American commission to Ruscia

will be headed by Elihu Root, former Sec-"big learned in high administration quarters last night. Both men have been conple a message of good-will and interest

From Canada Covert went with the other Tommies to England and finally to State Department late resterday afterstate Department late Yesterday alter-noon was regarded as highly significant. Secretary Laneing later declined to dis-cuss in any way the matters discussed with Mr. Root.

Dean Harper has been invited to come

Dean Harper has been invited to come to Washington and will be asked to serve on the commission. Indications pointed strongly to his appointment as chairman of that body, if Mr. Root is not named. President Wilson, it was said, has practically completed the selection of principal members of the commission which may include besides former Secretary Root and Dean Harper. Root and Dean Harper, Edward N. Hur-ley, of Chicago; Oscar Straum, of New York, and Henry Morgenthau,

TO CALL EXTRA WAR SESSION.

Baltimore, April 35—Gov. Harrington will call the Maryland legislature in extra session on May 15. The main laws to be enacted will be provisions for a war loan, to allow the governor to suspend the operations of the child labor and compulsory school strends to be a series of the child labor and compulsory school strends to be a series of the child labor and compulsory school strends to be a series of the child labor and compulsory school strends to be a series of the child labor and compulsory school strends to the child labor and the c and compulsory school attendance l to regulate the sale of explosives, to to regulate the saic of explosives, to en-courage planting of bigger crops and for a Maryland home guard, to protect citi-zens who remain at home provided the regular State guard is called into action.

